machines has been reduced from 15% to 5%, excise duty on condensed milk, ice-cream, preparations of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, pasta and yeast are fully exempt, excise duty on ready to eat packaged foods and instant food mixes, like Dosa and Idli mixes, reduced from 16% to 8%, excise duty on areated drinks has been reduced from 24% to 16% and excise duty on packaging paper has been reduced from 16% to 12%.

Accordingly to. estimates, Rs. 38,000 crore was invested during the 9th Plan in the food processing sector. Investment is likely to be of the order of Rs. 62,000 crores during the 10^{th} Plan Period.

Universities in the country

1338. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Government universities recognised and private universities in the country, State-wise;

(c) the financial assistance provided by UGC/Union Government, State-wise to Government/recognised and private universities during the last three years, university-wise and State-wise; and

(d) by when all the universities in the country would be declared to be Government universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the University Grants Commission (U.G.C), there are 357 Universities and equivalent institutions at present. The number of U.G.C. recognized Universities and equivalent institutions is enclosed as statement (See below).

(c) A statement showing the grants paid by UGC to Universities under Plan and Non plan during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 for which information is available, at the Annexure. [See Appendix 208, Annexure No. 3]

(d) The Government has no such proposal.

Statement

Number of U.G.C. recognised Universities and equivalent institutions (State-wise)

SI. No.	Name of States/ U.Ts	No. of Govt. Universities State/ Central	No.of Deemed Universities	No.of Private Universities	No.of Equivalent Institutes	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16	5	-	2	23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	-	-	2
3.	Assam	5	1	-	1	7
4.	Bihar	12	1	-	1	14
5.	Chhattisgarh	8	-	-	-	8
6.	Goa	1	-	-	-	1
7.	Gujarat	13	2	2	-	17
6.	Haryana	5	3	-	-	8
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3	1	1	-	5
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	1	-	1	7
11.	Jharkhand	4	3	-	-	7
12.	Karnataka	16	8	-	-	24
13.	Kerela	7	2	-	1	10
14.	Madhya Pradesh	14	3	-	-	17
15.	Maharashtra	20	20	-	1	41
16.	Manipur	2	-	-	-	2
17.	Meghalaya	1	-	-	-	1
18.	Mizoram	1	-	-	-	1
19.	Nagaland	1	-	-	-	1
20.	Orissa	9	2	-	-	11
21.	Punjab	5	2	-	1	8
22.	Rajasthan	12	8	-	-	20
23.	Sikkim	1	-	-	-	1
24.	Tamil Nadu	17	16	-	2	35
25.	Tripura	1	-	-	-	1
26.	Uttar Pradesh	22	8	2	2	34
27.	Uttaranchal	4	2	3	1	10
28.	West Bengal	16	2	-	2	20
29.	Delhi	5	10	-	2	17
30.	NCT of Chandigarh	1	1	-	1	3
31	Pondicherry	1	-	-	_	1
	TOTAL:	229	102	8	18	357